

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: COOKE, Michael Joseph Group Art Unit: 1792

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLASMA TREATING A SUBSTRATE

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is 1 page PTOL-85B Issue Fee Transmittal and 2 pages PTO/SB/47 Fee Address Form.
2. Drawings: were previously approved.
3. DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine PLLC, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.

4. [X] COMMENTS ON REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The Applicant thanks the Office for providing reasons for allowance. However, the Applicant believes that the record as a whole amply supports the allowance of the claims and such further comments by the Office do not represent the full scope of the invention as defined in each of the claims. The Office merely recites elements of claims 1 and 25 as the reasons for allowance, and the Applicant wishes to ensure that such statement does not give rise to a presumption of acquiescence to those reasons, and any negative inferences that may flow therefrom. Applicant believes that the allowed claims 1-14, 16,18-25, 27-35, 37, and 39, including 2 independent claims are best interpreted in light of the record as a whole and not on the reasons presented in the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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